

Sangamon Valley LEPC

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AGENDA

March 18, 2010

8:30 AM

*Office of the State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Drive
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Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (01/21/2010)

Introductions

Recognition of LEPC Members and Visitors

Old Business

Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2009

Emergency Coordinator's Report on Progress of Site Specific Planning Project

Wind Energy

Tier 2 Forms

New Business

Interoperable Communications Tabletop Exercise

Growmark Menard Terminal Tabletop Exercise

Water/Waste Water Agencies Response Network

Severe Weather/Flooding Preparedness

Menard County Location for May LEPC Meeting

Other Business

Other Business New or Old

Next Meeting: May 20, 2010

Motion to Adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – March 18, 2010

Call to Order - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:35 am, at the State Fire Marshal's Office Auditorium, 1035 Aldai Stevenson Drive, Springfield IL 62703.

Members present included: Linda Bradbury, American Red Cross; John Brennan, Memorial Medical Center; David Butt, Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management (OEM); Brian Churchill, St. John's Hospital; Larry Graf, Menard County EMS; Matt Helms, Springfield Fire Department (retired); Billy Ousley, National Weather Service (NWS), Sam Luckey, Brandt Consolidated/ Village of Curran; Pat Metz, City Water, Light & Power (CWLP); Al Pinter, Springfield Police Department; Dick Rentschler, MABAS Division 48; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue Squad; Jim Strutz, American Water Works Association; Jason Sukut, Menard County EMS; Linda Swartz, Sangamon County Department of Public Health (SCDPH); Diana Wade, SCDPH; and Linda Wheeland, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

Approval of the Minutes - Minutes from the LEPC meeting of January 21, 2010, were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Bill Russell, seconded by Linda Wheeland and approved unanimously to accept the minutes from January 21, 2010. The Chair directed everyone's attention to our LEPC's mission statement printed at the bottom of the agenda: "Planning for Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) in Sangamon and Menard Counties".

Introductions - Self-introductions were made by the members in attendance. Bob Flemming, Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), and Dean Heyen, Menard County Department of Public Health, joined us as visitors.

Old Business

2009 LEPC Summary Report – The Chair corrected an error in the Statistics portion of the 2009 LEPC Summary Report prior to filing it with IEMA last January. The corrected copy reads "112 Tier 2 forms were received for sites within Sangamon County. 14 Tier 2 forms were received for sites within Menard County. Of these 126 filings, 76 included at least one EHS chemical and 50 were for non-EHS sites."

Tier 2 Forms – Nearly all the Tier 2 forms that we expect to receive in 2010 have come to us since the last LEPC meeting. 115 Tier 2 forms were received for sites within Sangamon County. 14 Tier 2 forms were received for sites within Menard County. Of these 129 filings, 74 included at least one EHS chemical and 55 were for non-EHS sites. We believe that we are missing 9 Tier 2 forms, all from Sangamon County: 6 with EHS (Formosa Plastics Corp., Metal Décor, Strawn Inc. and Paetec Communications at 3 sites) and 3 with only non-EHS (Contech Construction Products, County Materials and Henry Technologies). E-mails were sent by the Chair yesterday asking all to correct their oversight by the end of the month. A listing of all EHS facilities was shared with the committee. This listing shows Matt Helms' good progress on our site specific planning project.

Emergency Coordinator's Report on the Site Specific Planning Project – Matt Helms reported on his activities since the last LEPC meeting. All 12 Brandt plans have been updated, plus Christian Co. FS, Strawn Inc. and CWLP. Pat Metz's assistance has given us a new format for the CWLP plan. Matt has made a site visit to Nelson Oil Co. after their initial Tier 2 filing showed Chlorine storage. Metal Décor requested a visit from Matt to begin planning for future storage of Chlorine at their site.

Wind Energy – After last meeting's discussion on this topic, Matt made a visit to the wind turbine in operation at PORTA High School in Petersburg. No storage batteries are present at this site, hence the process involves no hazardous materials.

New Business

Growmark Menard Terminal Tabletop Exercise – On March 10, Matt and Larry Graf participated in a tabletop exercise for a couple of emergency scenarios at the Menard Terminal. Fire chiefs from across Menard County also participated along with about 20 corporate people from Growmark. Bodine Environmental was represented as a clean-up contractor. The scenarios involved large fuel spills and methods for containing the liquid product. Growmark relies on the volunteer fire departments for initiating containment. Better storage and distribution of the booms used for this purpose was the top lesson learned from the exercise.

Interoperable Communications Tabletop Exercise – Sangamon County has a grant to write a Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan. The validation exercise will be held on Thursday, June 24, at the Riverton Firehouse. It will involve a hazardous material. LEPC member, Louie Rogers, will be Incident Commander for the event. Bob Flemming will assist the Chair with exercise design. Bob will lead the evaluation. The Chair recognized numerous LEPC members as having or being registered for the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program training.

Illinois Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ILWARN) – Jim Strutz gave a power point presentation on ILWARN. It is a statewide mutual aid organization for both public and private utilities. Membership is free and extends to other entities with water/wastewater issues such as hospitals within our LEPC membership. The presentation was well received and Jim needed to obtain additional handout copies from his automobile to satisfy requests from our members.

Severe Weather/Flooding Preparedness – Billy Ousley gave a power point presentation on the use of timely data during severe weather events and the several sources that NWS has for reliable data. Separate weeks in March emphasize severe weather preparedness and flooding safety. His presentation was timely. At present, flooding in the upper Midwest is a staple of the news cycle. Billy was able to address the hydrology that pertains to the Sangamon River for comparative purposes.

May LEPC Meeting – Our annual calendar places the May 20th meeting in Menard County. Larry confirmed that we again have the Athens Community Park Building reserved for our May meeting. Directions: North on Rt 29. Left into Athens (big church on your right). Pass the Caseys, High School, over the tracks til you come to the stop sign (flashing red light). Turn right (Main St.). Turn left just before you get to the railroad tracks (Athens Blacktop). Park is on your left.

Other Business

Future Meetings – The Chair recognized members, Mike Moos and Tom Fraase, and the State Fire Marshal and his staff for hosting our meetings each November, January and March. Mike arranged for our audio/video equipment for today's presentations despite being unable to attend due to a meeting conflict. In May, we will discuss whether to keep our meeting dates for the third Thursday of odd months. Give this scheduling some thought.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, May 20, 2010, at the Athens Community Park Building. There being no further business, a motion was made by Brian Churchill, seconded by Dick Rentschler and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 am.